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1. Since there is little importation of foodstuffs into the Kuantung area, a severe food shortage exists there. The Chinese Communist Government (Kuantung Bureau?) has ordered the civilians to cultivate barren land and hilltops. In early September 1947 the Soviet authorities stopped supplying the Chinese Communist production organizations in Dairen with cereal grains. Each household in Dairen, Chinchou and Port Arthur has been ordered by the Chinese Communist authorities to dry 30 catties of edible wild grasses and herbs. These are to be stored and used only in emergencies.
2. The taxpaying population of Dairen has been separated into five categories by the Chinese Communist government: Persons who live on rice and white flour are Class Five taxpayers and must pay First Class taxes. Those who eat corn are Class Four taxpayers and must pay Second Class taxes. Persons who eat corn and Tou Cha (豆渣) (Tou Cha is a bean curd by-product eaten by the poor and fed to pigs.) are Class Three taxpayers and must pay Third Class taxes. Those who live on beancake are Class Two taxpayers and must pay Fourth Class taxes. Those who live on grass and foraged vegetables are Class One taxpayers, but no tax is levied on them.
3. Kerosene, wood and some foodstuffs are being shipped daily by Soviet warships from North Korea to Dairen, and cotton cloth is being shipped in large quantities to North Korea by Chinese Communist forces. Four bolts of cloth will buy one ton of cereals in North Korea. [REDACTED] Note: Approximately 40 yards of cloth to a bolt.)

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